

and columnist for the weekly paper *Zig Zag*. He has also served on the board of directors for the National Association of Cuban Journalists.

For his exemplary work, Mr. Cayón Diéguez has received numerous awards and accolades, including being named one of the 100 most outstanding Hispanic journalists by *Hispanic Media 100*.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring José C. Cayón Diéguez for his impressive career accomplishments and his dedication to serving the Hispanic community. I applaud him for the positive impact he has made through his work as a journalist, and I am confident that he will continue to enrich the lives of those who read his publication in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO HONORABLE RICHARD BYRD

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to draw the attention of the House to the passing of my friend and one of Missouri's finest elected officials, the Honorable Richard Byrd. Richard Byrd was known for his ready helping hand and his deep commitment to the people he represented.

Returning home last Saturday, the day after the first half of the 96th Session of the Missouri General Assembly was completed, Representative Byrd collapsed of an apparent heart attack after carrying his suitcase into his home. A friend to many, his death was a shock to all who knew him.

Richard Byrd received his JD from Washington University Law School and practiced commercial litigation law while serving as a Kirkwood, Missouri city councilman from 1994–2000. He served in the Missouri State House representing the Kirkwood area since 2000, where he made his mark by always listening both to colleagues and constituents, by his consistent willingness to help draft bills and amendments, and by explaining the legal ramifications of complex legislative proposals.

Richard Byrd worked hard to the very end. He was known for burning the midnight oil, always happy to help those who came to him for advice, and had a quick eye for detail. He had the ability to influence those around him and when he spoke, others listened and respected what he had to say.

A man involved in his community, he served on the St. Louis County Charter Commission, on the board of directors of the Missouri and St. Louis Easter Seals organizations, and assistant district commissioner of the St. Louis Area Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Kirkwood Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and coached soccer at St. Genevieve DuBois Catholic Church.

We extend our deepest condolences to his lovely wife, Moira, and their children Richard and Eleanor. We are also thankful for his life—a life of service well-lived. Richard, you will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CHEN SHUI-BIAN OF TAIWAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, a year ago, Mr. Chen Shui-bian was re-elected president of the Republic of China on Taiwan. On the occasion of the first anniversary of his second term in office, I offer my congratulations to President Chen and the people of Taiwan.

President Chen continues to work to ensure Taiwan's democracy and freedom, and seeks reconciliation and cooperation with Taiwan's opposition party leaders. He also is leading Taiwan's efforts to gain membership in the World Health Organization and other international organizations. Without membership or observership in the World Health Organization, Taiwan is literally an orphan in the world health arena.

I am pleased that our government has come out strongly in support of Taiwan's bid for World Health Assembly observership this May.

As we join our friends in Taiwan in celebrating President Chen's anniversary, we also recognize Taiwan's steps toward democratization. These include Taiwan's end of martial law in 1987, first direct presidential election in 1996, first change of governing party in 2000 and first national referendum in 2004. Taiwan's example is encouraging to all those who seek and support freedom and democracy around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CAREER OF JOHN H. JOHNSON

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the life of John H. Johnson. Born in 1918 in Arkansas City, Arkansas, Mr. Johnson has set an example for us all by being both an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. I would like to recognize Mr. Johnson's contributions to Arkansas and our Nation.

Mr. Johnson is the founder, publisher, and chairman of Johnson Publishing Company, the world's largest African-American owned publishing Company. He is also the publisher of *Ebony* and *Jet* Magazines. *Ebony* alone has a circulation of 1.7 million people and reaches 11 million readers monthly.

In 1982, Mr. Johnson was the first African American to be named on *Forbes'* list of the 400 wealthiest Americans. Mr. Johnson's long list of awards and achievements include: the Black Journalists' Lifetime Achievement Award in 1987, the Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones Entrepreneurial Excellence Award in 1993, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996—the highest honor this nation gives to a citizen, the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame Award in 2001, The Vanguard Award in 2002, and The Trumpet Award in 2002.

Arkansas City and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff have worked together to create the John H. Johnson Cultural and Education Museum. On Saturday, May 21st this

museum will be dedicated in Desha County, Arkansas. This museum will capture Mr. Johnson's life by restoring his boyhood home and will include period memorabilia, printed material, and video chronicles about Mr. Johnson's life.

In addition to the museum, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is in the planning stages of opening a learning center in Arkansas City and an academic complex at the University of Arkansas of Pine Bluff. These institutions will undoubtedly become a tremendous asset and staple of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Johnson, and am delighted that the John H. Johnson Cultural Education Museum will be open for Arkansans to see firsthand Mr. Johnson's lifetime of work and contributions to our nation. His dedication, entrepreneurial spirit, and legacy will continue in Arkansas for the years and decades ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, IL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the City of Trenton.

This past weekend, the City of Trenton celebrated the establishment of their city. In 1818, William Lewis and his brother-in-law, A.W. Casad of Trenton, New Jersey located Lewis' farm at the location where the city now stands. A few years later, in 1825, the first church congregated with others soon to follow.

In 1853 the area found itself in need of a Post Office, which was given the name of Trenton. On May 14, 1855, Trenton, Illinois was established. Less than a year later, on February 16, 1856, the Village of Trenton was chartered with Joseph Hanke as the first Mayor. A little over 30 years later, on September 20, 1887, Trenton was incorporated as a City.

In 1955, the year of its centennial, with a population of 1,400, the City of Trenton was given the nickname, the "Friendly City", and went on, in 2003, to receive the Governor's Hometown Award.

Today, the City of Trenton has grown to a city of 2,700 citizens under the current Mayor, Robert Louis Koentz.

Here's to the City of Trenton and all who reside there.

HONORING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 190th year of existence of the Hurricane Baptist Church of Lebanon, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's anniversary on Sunday, May 29, 2005, with an afternoon program.